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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

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SUMMARY: EGYPT HAS RIGID EXPORT CONTROLS ON 336 SPECIFIC COMMODITIES. RATIONALE FOR THESE RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE COMBATTING INFLATION, SUPPORT OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS, ASSURING RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPT'S RIGID EXPORT RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN GRADUALLY RELAXED IN RECENT YEARS. CURRENTLY THERE ARE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (BOTH EMBARGOES AND QUOTAS) ON 336 COMMODITIES. APPROXIMATELY 3/4 OF ALL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS FROM PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES WHICH PERMITS GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS. EXPORTS OF MANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE CONTROLLED BY EMBARGOES AND QUOTAS TO HELP MAINTAIN DOMESTIC PRICE LEVELS BELOW WORLD PRICES. SIMILARLY, WHERE IMPORT SUBSIDIES EXIST, EXPORTS OF THOSE COMMODITIES ARE EMBARGOED.

2. IN 1961, EGYPT REQUIRED THAT ALL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BE UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGH STATE-OWNED TRADING COMPANIES, IN EFFECT, NATIONALIZING

ENTIRE FOREIGN TRADE SECTOR. THAT ACTION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY IDEOLOGY AND SUPPORT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS. IN 1964, EGYPT BEGAN GRANTING EXCEPTIONS AND LICENSED PRIVATE SECTOR EXPORTS OF APPROXIMATELY 50 COMMODITIES, PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL. IN 1974, THERE WAS FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF BOTH IMPORT AND EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND PRIVATE SECTOR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WERE ENCOURAGED BY SEVERAL MEASURES INCLUDING LIBERALIZED EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS. THE SYSTEM HAS EVOLVED SO THAT NOW THERE ARE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS OF 336 COMMODITIES.

3. EACH EXPORT TRANSACTION REQUIRES AN INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL. FOR NON-CONTROLLED ITEMS, EXPORTS VALUED AT MORE THAN LE 5,000 MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE FROM CUSTOMS THAT EXPORT IS NOT RESTRICTED. FOR EXPORTS OF LESS THAN LE 5,000, EGYPTIAN BANKS CAN PROVIDE THIS CERTIFICATE. IN CERTAIN AREAS, SUCH AS TEXTILES, SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM PRICES FOR EXPORT TRANSACTIONS. FOLLOWING PARAS ENUMERATE COMMODITIES UNDER SPECIFIC IDENTIFIED EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. NUMBER IN PARENTHESES FOLLOWING EACH ITEM IS EGYPTIAN TARIFF DESIGNATION.

4. EXPORTS OF FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE EMBARGOED. FOODSTUFFS AND ANIMAL FEEDS ARE EMBARGOED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES, SUPPORT DOMESTIC PRICES AND COMBAT INFLATION. OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS LEATHER, RAW SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS AND HORSE HAIR ARE EMBARGOED BECAUSE THEY ARE SHORT SUPPLY RAW MATERIALS FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES. THESE ITEMS ARE: WHEAT (10.01), LENTILS (7.05D), COFFEE (9.01), WHEAT WASTE (10.01.B), ALL OIL SEEDS (12.01), PEANUTS (12.01A), PALM NUTS (12.01B), SOYBEANS (12.01C), LINSEED (12.01D), COTTON SEED (12.01E), OIL PAINTS (32.00), LIVE ANIMALS (1.01), MAIZE (10.05), DRIED BEANS (7.05B), WHEAT WASTE (10.05), SKARTO OF ONION (6.00), ONION WASTE (7.05H), WOOD (FIVE DIFFERENT COMMODITIES, 44.03 & .04 & .05 & .06), LIVE SHEEP (1.04A), LIVE GOATS (1.04B), SEEDS OF TOOTHPICK PLANT (12.00), ROLL SULPHUR (25.05), MASLEE (BUTTER)(4.03B), RAW SHEEP'S OR LAMB'S WOOL (53.01A), OTHER ANIMAL WOOL (53.02), WASTE OF SHEEP'S OR LAMB'S WOOL (53.03), WASTE OF OTHER ANIMAL WOOL (53.04), WASTE OF YARN (53.07), CANNED OR FROZEN MEAT (EXCEPT PORK)(2.01B), FISH EXCEPT UNCLASSIFIED

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FROZEN FISH (3.03B), DRIED BEANS (12.08), FROZEN PIGEONS (2.02), ANIMAL HORNS (5.09), ANIMAL AND POULTRY LIVER (2.04), ANIMAL INTESTINES (5.04), BLACK HONEY (17.02), MOLASSES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (17.03), PROCESSED CHEESE (4.04), BEET SUGAR AND CANE SUGAR (17.01), DYED LEATHER (41.01), RAW SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS SALTED (41.03), SUGAR (17.01), BARLEY (10.03), BLACK OLIVES (7.01), CLOVER (12.01), SHELLAC (13.02A), SESAME SEEDS (12.09H), WASTE OF SEEDS (14.04), WHEAT FLOUR

(11.01A), TEA (9.02), FRESH MILK (4.01A), POWDERED MILK (4.02A), ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS (15.07), BIRDS (1.05), FENUGREEK (0.09), WHITE CHEESE (4.04), EGGS (4.05), LIVE PIGEONS (2.01), DEAD POULTRY (2.02), LIVE POULTRY (1.05), WASTE OF RICE (10.06C), DRIED LEGUMES (7.05A), LOCAL BUTTER (4.03.A), LOCAL MASLE (4.03.C), TAHINA WHITE (12.01.C), WASTE JUTE YARN (52.01), WASHED NYLON YARN (53.01), WOOL YARN (53.06 & 07 & 08), STARCH (11.08), BROOMSTRAW (96.01), HORSE HAIR (53.02), HORSE HAIR (5.03), ANIMAL FEED (23.01 TO 23.07).

5. ITEMS ENUMERATED IN THIS PARA MAY BE EXPORTED WITH PERMISSION OF CENTRAL AGENCY FOR MOBILIZATION AND STATISTICS. THEY ARE CONTROLLED FOR DEFENSE REASONS. THEY ARE:

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR TRANSPORT OF GOODS (87.02.1), MOTOR VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONS (87.02.A), MOTOR VEHICLES OF NOT MORE THAN 4 CYLINDERS (87.02.B), ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONS, GOODS OR MATERIALS (87.02), STEAM RAIL LOCOMOTIVE (86.01), ELECTRIC RAIL LOCOMOTIVE (86.02), RAILWAY PASSENGER COACHES AND OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE RAILWAY COACHES (86.05), RAILS AND SLEEPERS OF IRON OR STEEL (73.16), TRACTORS (87.01), WORK TRUCKS MECHANICALLY PROPELLED (87.07), WOOD RAILWAY SLEEPERS (44.07), RAILWAY RAILS AND SLEEPERS OF IRON OR STEEL (73.16), SHIPS, BOATS AND OTHER VESSELS (89.01), TUGS (89.02), FLOATING CRANES (89.03), HIGH SEA VESSELS (89.00), FLOATING STRUCTURES OTHER THAN VESSELS (89.05), CRUDE LEAD (78.01), CRUDE ZINC (79.01), CAST IRON AND PIG IRON (73.01), CRUDE COPPER (74.01), CRUDE NICKEL (75.01), CRUDE TIN (80.01), LEAD WASTE (78.02), ZINC WASTE (79.02), IRON WASTE (73.02), COPPER WASTE (74.02), NICKEL WASTE (75.02), TIN WASTE (80.02), CRUDE ASBESTOS (68.01), PIG IRON IN BLOCKS OR OTHER FORMS (73.01), BARS AND RODS OF IRON OR STEEL (73.01), ELECTRONIC COPPER (74.19), OTHER METALLIC PRODUCTS (SEVERAL CHAPTERS), SPORTING ARMS (93.05), CARTRIDGES FOR SPORTING ARMS (93.07), UNCLASSIFIED

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BOMB, MINES, MISSILES AND MUNITIONS (93.07.A), ARTILLERY WEAPONS (93.03), PAPER CARTONS (48.01.F), GREASEPROOF PAPER (48.03), KRAFT PAPER (48.01.?), PHENOLS (29.01), ACETIC ACID (22.01), AZOTIC ACID (28.00), CARBONIC ACID (28.13), CITRIC ACID (29.14), INORGANIC ACID (28.01), NITRIC ACID (15.10), STEARIC ACID

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(27.14), SULPHURIC ACID (28.08), TANNIC ACID (29.16), ACETONE OIL (38.09), SACKS AND BAGS FOR PACKING GOODS (62.03), OF JUTE (62.03.A), OF COTTON (62.03.B), TARPAULINE SAILS (62.04), HAND TOOLS: SPADES, SHOVELS, PICKS, HOES, FORKS, AXES (82.01), CLAMPS (82.06), ALL RAW LEATHER (41.01), X-RAY EQUIPMENT (90.20), X-RAY APPARATUS (90.20.A), PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS (90.07), CINEMATOGRAPHIC CAMERAS AND PROJECTORS (90.08), SURVEYING, NAVIGATIONAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INSTRUMENTS (90.14), TANKS OF COPPER (74.14), TANKS OF IRON OR STEEL (73.22), ASBESTOS TUBES (68.13), ALLUMINIUM TUBES (76.06), COPPER TUBES (74.07), IRON OR STEEL TUBES (73.17), LEAD TUBES (78.05), NICKEL TUBES (75.04), AEROPLANES OF ALL KINDS (88.01 & 02 & 03), MACHINES APPLIANCES AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTATION, VESSELS, BOATS, AND AIRSHIPS AND THEIR SPARE PARTS (84MPQ TO 84.65), RUBBER TIRES (INNER)(40.11), RUBBER TIRES (40.11.A), WASTE OF RUBBER AND SCRAP (40.04), WASTE OF PULP (40.05), LIQUID BATTERIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (87.06), DRY BATTERIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (87.06), DRILLING MACHINE (84.56), LEVELING EARTH MACHINE (84.23), LIFTING MACHINE (84.22), MIXING EARTH MACHINE (84.56), ALL PRODUCING MACHINES AND SPARE PARTS (61 COMMODITIES) PRODUCING MACHINES AND SPARE PARTS, ALL MOTORS AND SPARE PARTS (84.00 AND 85.00), MINERAL FUELS (27.07).

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6. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS AND/OR QUOTAS APPLY TO EXPORT OF COMMODITIES ENUMERATED IN THIS PARAGRAPH. OF SPECIAL NOTE IS REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN COMMODITIES BE EXPORT "FOR FREE

CURRENCY". THIS RESTRICTION EXCLUDES EXPORT OF THESE COMMODITIES THROUGH BILATERAL CLEARING AGREEMENTS. NATURE OF SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS AND/OR QUOTAS FOLLOWS TARRIFNUMBERS: SEEDS FOR SOWING (9.09 & 10.07) WITH APPROVAL OF MIN OF AGRICULTURE, OIL CAKE LINSEED (23.04) FOR FREE CURRENCY LIMITED TO 12,000 TONS IN 1975, EGYPTIAN CURRENCY AND COINS (72.01) FOR FREE CURRENCY, RICE BRAN (10.06) LIMITED TO 2000 TONS IN 1975, HORSES (1.01 & 5.15) FOR FREE CURRENCY AND APPROVAL OF MIN OF AGRICULTURE, ARTICLES OF SILVER (71.06) AND ARTICLES OF GOLD (71.07) MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CERTIFICATE FROM WEIGHING DEPARTMENT, DRIED AND SMOKED BEEF (BOSTERMA)(2.01) FOR FREE CURRENCY, PORTRAITS (49.11) FOR FREE CURRENCY AND WITH APPROVAL OF FACULTY OF ARTS,Z ANTIQUITIES (99.06) WITH APPROVAL OF ANTIQUITIES DEPT, HEMP AND ITS DEVERIATES (57.00) ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT POLICY, COTTON SEED HUSK (12.01) FOR FREE CURRENCY LIMITED TO 2,000 TONS, PROTILAN OF MAIZE (10.05.E) FOR FREE CURRENCY LIMITED TO 2,00 TONS, TRANSPLANTS (6.01) WITH APPROVAL OF MIN OF AGRICULTURE, SALTED GUTS, BLADDERS AND STOMACHS OF ANIMALS (5.04) FOR FREE CURRENCY, WASTE OF RICE (10.06.B) FOR FREE CURRENCY LIMITED TO 20,000 TONS, COTTON WASTE AND MIXED (55.03) 1975 QUOTA 150,000 TONS, COTTON FIRE-WOOD (55.03) 1975 QUOTA 120,000 TONS, MOLASSES (17.03 & 17.05) 1975 QUOTA 140,000 TONS, DITCH REED (44.01) 1975 QUOTA 100 TONS, CARBON FRACTIONS (38.03) 1975 QUOTA 800 TONS - EX-PORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY, GIVING PREFERENCE TO FREE CURRENCY PURCHASERS AND WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTEE FORMALITIES, CARBON DUST (38.03) 1975 QUOTA 400 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY, GIVING PREFERENCE TO FREE CURRENCY PURCHASERS AND WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES, ANIMAL BLACK (38.04) 1975 QUOTA 400 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY, GIVING PREFERENCE TO THE FREE CURRENCY PURCHASERS AND WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES, RETINES OF GAS LAMPS (50.08) 1975 QUOTA 500,000 PIECES - UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY, COW INTESTINES SALTED (5.03) 1975 QUOTA 20 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES, CANVAS WASTE (50.01) 1975 QUOTA 2,000 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN FREE CURRENCIES ONLY WITHIN LIMITS OF CURRENT PREVAILING PRICES, SABOUT FISH (2.05) 1975 QUOTA 60 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES, CAVIAR

(FISH EGGS)(16.04) 1975 QUOTA 10 TONS - EXPORTATION VIA  
CUSTOMS DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN FREE FOREIGN CURRENCIES  
ONLY WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS CETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES,  
GOAT HAIR (5.03) 1975 QUOTA 500 TONS - EXPORTATION AGAINST  
SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY, EXPORTATION  
MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN CONFORMITY WITH INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS  
REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF CONSIGNMENT TO DEPARTMENT TO INSURE  
THAT PRICE IS SUITABLE, AND THAT CONSIGNMENTS ARE FREE FROM  
WOOL OR GOAT SMALL HAIRS, WITH COMPLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY  
QUARANTINE FORMALITIES, BEESWAX (15.15) 1975 QUOTA 50 TONS -  
EXPORTATION AGAIST SETTLEMENT OF VALUE IN FREE FOREIGN  
CURRENCIES ONLY, COTTON YARN WASTE (55.05) 1975 QUOTA 5,000  
TONS - EXPORTATION FOR FREE FOREIGN CURRENCIES, COTTON WASTE  
(55.03) 1975 QUOTA 8,000 TONS - EXPORTATION FOR FREE FOREIGN  
CURRENCIES, HONEY BEES (15.16) 1975 QUOTA 300 TONS -  
EXPORTATION AGAIST SETTLEMENT OF VALUE IN FREE CURRENCIES  
ONLY, FLAROSS SEEDS FOR BIRDS (12.01) 1975 QUOTA 300 TONS -  
EXPORTATION AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY,  
GIVING PREFERENCE TO FREE CURRENCIES ORDERS, WASTE SILK  
FIBERS, ARTICIAL (50.03) 500 TONS - EXPORTATION AGAINST  
SETTLEMENT OF FREE FOREIGN CURRENCY ONLY, BONE OIL (3.0)  
1975 QUOTA 100 TONS - EXPORTATION IN FREE FOREIGN CURRENCIES  
ONLY, ARTICLES OF LEATHER (42.0) WITHOUT A QUOTA - VIA  
CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN CURRENCY  
OF CONSIGNEE COUNTRY PROVIDED THAT CONSIGNMENTS ARE SUBMITTED  
TO INDUSTRIAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT BEFORE DISPATCH, FROZEN  
QUAIL (2.92); WITHOUT A QUOTA - VIA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT  
DIRECT AGAINST SETTLEMENT IN FREE FOREIGN CURRENCIES, WITH  
COMLETED CUSTOMS VETERINARY QUARANTINE FORMALITIES.  
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